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THINK FOOD

School Nutrition Programs

Shipment 2

September 2013



PEACH ORDERS CANCELLED

The fruit and vegetable demand increased significantly with the implementation of the new meal patterns. Despite forecasting an across the board 20 percent increase to meet the demand and issuing solicitations in early April, the USDA was unable to secure a peach supply large enough to meet/fill all requests. With the summer heat impacting fruit size and yields down by 10 percent, the industry is also unable to meet the demand.

Due to this, all five truckloads of peaches ordered for Montana for school year 2014 have been cancelled. At this time there is nothing available to replace those truckloads. The USDA will be offering other fruits and vegetables throughout the year. Be sure to watch for email updates announcing product availability and possible ordering opportunities.

USDA FOOD\$

The USDA wants to ensure that all National School Lunch Program (NSLP) sponsors receive their full per meal value of 23.25 cents in USDA Foods. To accomplish this, everyone should spend their entire entitlement. When placing orders for the 2014 school year, additional trucks were



ordered of several items to fill all requests. In several cases two full trucks were ordered when one and a half were needed. In doing this there are many products available. Everyone's entitlement has been updated to reflect the increase due to the cancellation of the peach orders. Click on the following link to view your remaining entitlement.

http://www.opi.mt.gov/pdf/SchoolFood/FDC_P/13_14remainingentitle.pdf. If your dollar amount is listed with a minus (-) in front of it, you have gone over your entitlement amount. Entitlement dollars used to send product for further processing will be deducted as those orders are placed.

A list of products that are available is on the last page. If you request them, they will be shipped on the shipment they are already scheduled for, unless it was shipped on Shipments 1 and 2. Those requests will be added to the next available shipment.

CELEBRATE FARM TO SCHOOL

October is National Farm to School Month, a time to celebrate the connections that are happening all over the country between schools and local food. In 2010, Congress designated October as National Farm to School Month, demonstrating the growing



importance of Farm to School programs as a means to improve child nutrition, support local economies and educate children about the origins of food. October is a great time to offer up meals featuring local Montana grown foods or take a field trip to visit a nearby farm. To learn more visit www.farmtoschoolmonth.org.



October 24, 2013 is Food Day, a nationwide celebration of healthy, affordable, and sustainably produced food and a grassroots campaign for better food policies. It build all year long and culminates on October 24. Check out this year's Food Day priorities, school curriculum, and register your event on the web at www.foodday.org.



Send Word Now is the rapid alert system for notifying schools should there be a hold or recall on any USDA Foods. The program is provided to states by the USDA.

During the month of September, Food Service Managers and Superintendents will receive an email requesting that you update your Send Word Now profile. It is important that we have updated contact information on everyone should there be a hold or recall of any USDA Foods. Please watch for this email and follow the simple instructions. If you have questions contact the OPI Food Distribution office at (406) 444-4415.

SCHOOL LUNCH ACROSS THE USA

This years' National School Lunch Week theme is about celebrating regional flavors, ingredients, and traditions. Every part of the country is known for different food - whether it is New England Chowder, southern black-eyed peas, southwestern salsa, Florida oranges or Flathead cherries. "School Lunch Across the USA" allows you to celebrate the popular flavors of your own region and across the country too.



SCHOOL NUTRITION TRAININGS



The OPI School Nutrition Programs specialists will be providing regional administrative and Food Service Manager trainings in September and October. A 2013-14 training schedule listing the date, type of training, and host city can be found by going to the following web address.

http://opi.mt.gov/PDF/SchoolFood/CurrentNews/13_14TrainingSchedule.pdf.

Registration information for the administrative training is posted under Current Events and Trainings at: http://opi.mt.gov/Programs/SchoolPrograms/School_Nutrition/index.html. The Food Service Manager training registration will be posted once all venues are finalized.



OPI COOPERATIVE BID

Food Services of America (FSA) was the successful bidder for the Fall 2014 bid. FSA will bill the participating school food authorities (SFA) for food items ordered/received. Payment for products must be made within 45 days of delivery for each delivery period.

The first delivery is to begin shipping September 20, 2013. The delivery intervals were changed from four weeks to three weeks for this bid as a result of a later than normal timeline and to complete deliveries by the end of December.

If you have questions contact the OPI School Nutrition Programs at (406) 444-2501.

AVAILABLE USDA FOODS

Cheese, Cheddar Y (367)	\$65.09
Cheese, Mozz LMPs (355)	\$64.83
Cheese, Mozz Lite (174)	\$66.14
Eggs, Frz (86)	\$32.96
Chix Diced (113)	\$94.58
Chicken Fajita Strips (721)	\$59.92
Turkey Breast Deli (4)	\$81.04
Pork Roasts (175)	\$55.48
Ham (237)	\$56.08
Ham, Slc (369)	\$69.74
Applesauce, Cnd (30)	\$27.15
Fruit Mix, Cnd (22)	\$23.64
Peaches, Cnd (5)	\$23.65
Pears, Cnd (30)	\$26.16
Cherries, Cnd (204)	\$29.63
Peach Cups, Frz (7)	\$28.51
Blueberries, Frz (195)	\$42.57

Strawberries, Slc (4)	\$30.16
Green Beans, Cnd (13)	\$15.47
Corn, Cnd (112)	\$16.54
Swt Potatoes Mash, Cnd (251)	\$29.03
Tomato Paste (239)	\$23.19
Salsa (104)	\$19.23
Tomato Sauce (283)	\$12.21
Spaghetti Sauce (31)	\$12.55
Corn, Frz (225)	\$17.38
Peas, Frz (223)	\$19.79
Carrots, Frz (351)	\$17.91
Potato Wedges, Frz (145)	\$16.03
Oven Fries, Frz (15)	\$14.59
Potato Rounds, Frz (5)	\$14.78
Refried Beans, Cnd (40)	\$19.40
Vegetarian Beans, Cnd (34)	\$15.58
Pinto Beans, Cnd (21)	\$15.03
Kidney Beans, Cnd (40)	\$17.29
Great Northern Beans, Cn (4)	\$17.46
Peanut Butter, Cnd (6)	\$32.18
Rotini, WG (42)	\$ 9.27
Vegetable Oil (97)	\$31.65
Rice, Brn Lng Grn (23)	\$26.82
Macaroni, WG (920)	\$ 8.80
Pancakes, WG Frz (38)	\$ 8.36
Tortillas, WG Frz (286)	\$20.35
Chix Roasted 8 Piece (10)	\$76.47

The amounts listed in parenthesis are approximately the number of cases available.

Some items are leftover from the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) and some are due to cancellations.

Email your requests to juwilson@mt.gov.
Be sure to list the number of cases you want to order.